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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A pack having a slide (11) and a shell (10) which partially encloses the slide (11) and, is open at both ends for accommodating a cigarette group (12), ~~the slide (11) having at least one base wall (14),~~ characterized in that:

a) the slide (11) has at least one base wall (14) and as a result of stops or connecting means, the slide (11) can only be moved to a limited extent within the shell (10) as a result of mutually corresponding stops and mating stops on the shell (10) and the slide (11);

b) the shell (10) comprises top wall (25), bottom wall (26) and side walls (27, 28) and has a peripheral tab (29) to which an inner side of the bottom wall (26) is connected;

c) the peripheral tab (29) is provided with a recess (34) that is open at one side;

d) arranged on the base wall (14) of the slide (11) is a stop tab (30), which enters the recess (34) of the peripheral tab (29); and

e) transverse edges of the recess (34) form stops (35, 36) for the stop tab (30), which can be moved within the recess (34).

2. - 5. (cancelled).

6. (currently amended) The pack as claimed in Claim 3 1, characterized in that the stop tab (30), which is provided on the slide (11), is part of the base wall (14) and projects, ~~by material deformation,~~ upwards beyond the plane of the base wall (14) such that at least one sub-region of the stop tab (30) projects into the recess (34), ~~namely in the region of the base wall (14) or of a peripheral tab (29) butting against the base wall (14).~~

7. (currently amended) The pack as claimed in Claim 3 1, characterized in that the stop tab (30) adjoins the base wall (14) of the slide (11) laterally and extends transversely or vertically to the base wall (14) in the region of a side wall (28) of the shell (10), the stop tab (30) projecting into the recess (34) formed in the region of the side wall (28).

8. (currently amended) The pack as claimed in Claim 3 6, characterized in that an edge of the recess (34) that forms an opening for the stop tab (30) at least one mating stop forms, by way of material deformation, an elevated protrusion for the stop tab (30), ~~namely the opening stop (35)~~ by way of deformation of the peripheral tab (29) in the region of the recess (34).

9-15 (canceled)

16. (currently amended) The pack as claimed in Claim ~~42~~ 1, characterized in that an edge of the recess (34) that forms ~~namely~~ the closing stop (36), that forms a mating stop, is directed obliquely, ~~with~~ and that a stop edge (33) of the stop tab (30) facing the closing stop (36) is configured ~~running~~ in a correspondingly oblique manner.

17. (cancelled).

18. (currently amended) A pack having a slide (11) and a shell (10) which partially encloses the slide and, is open at both ends for accommodating a cigarette group (12), characterized in that:

a) the slide (11) having ~~has~~ at least one base wall (14), ~~comprising a protrusion on the slide (11), namely projecting stop tab (30), which interacts with at least one stop, namely opening stop (35) and/or closing stop (36), on an inner side of the shell (10), wherein, as a result of the stops (35, 36), the slide (11) can only be moved to a limited extent within the shell (10) as a result of~~, and the relative movement between the slide (11) and the shell (10) is limited by mutually corresponding stops and mating stops which are formed within on the shell (10) and are located ~~on the latter~~, on the one hand, and the slide (11), ~~on the other hand, for defining an open position of the slide (11) and a closed position~~

b) the shell (10) comprises top wall (25), bottom wall (26) and side walls (27, 28), and has a first peripheral tab (29), which is connected to top wall (25) or bottom wall (26), and a second peripheral tab (39), which is connected to bottom wall (26) or top wall (25);

c) the first peripheral tab (29) has a recess (34), which is open at one side;

d) the first peripheral tab (29) is connected to the inner side of the second peripheral tab (39);

e) arranged on the base wall (14) of the slide (11) is a stop tab (30), which enters the recess (34) of the inner peripheral tab (29); and

f) transverse edges of the recess (34) form stops (35, 36) for the stop tab (30).

19. - 20. (cancelled).

21. (new) The pack as claimed in Claim 18, characterized in that the stop tab (30), which is provided on the slide (11), is part of the base wall (14) and projects upwards beyond the plane of the base wall (14) such that at least one sub-region of the stop tab (30) projects into the recess (34).

22. (new) The pack as claimed in Claim 18, characterized in that the stop tab (30) adjoins the base wall (14) of the slide (11) laterally and extends transversely or vertically to the base wall (14) in the region of a side wall (28) of the shell (10), the stop tab (30) projecting into the recess (34) formed in the region of the side wall (28).

23. (new) The pack as claimed in Claim 21, characterized in that an edge of the recess (34) that forms an opening for the stop tab (30) forms, by way of material deformation, an elevated protrusion for the stop tab (30), by way of deformation of the peripheral tab (29) in the region of the recess (34).

24. (new) The pack as claimed in Claim 18, characterized in that an edge of the recess (34) that forms the closing stop (36), that forms a mating stop, is directed obliquely, and that a stop edge (33) of the stop tab (30) facing the closing stop (36) is configured in a correspondingly oblique manner.